

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 12480-000166/US
FORM PTO-1390 OFFICE (Modified)		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/572565</b>
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO.
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
PCT/JP2004/014015	September 17, 2004	September 19, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION WATER ABSORBENT AND PRODUCING METHOD OF SAME		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Kazushi TORII, Hirofumi SHIBATA, Taku IWAMURA, Yoshio IRIE, Yorimichi DAIROKU, Yoshiro MITSUKAMI, and Sayaka MACHIDA		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39 (1).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)</li> </ol> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>		
Items 11. to 20. below concern document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98-1449, International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210 and PCT/ISA/220) in English and PTO Form 1449</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Formal Drawings</li> </ol>		

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21.  The following fees are submitted:

CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY

## PCT FEES – NATIONAL STAGE:

Fee Code	Description	Fee
1631	Basic National Stage Fee.....	\$300.00
1632	National Stage Search Fee.....	\$400.00
1633	National Stage Examination Fee.....	\$200.00

## ENTER APPROPRIATE FEE AMOUNT =

\$ 900.00

Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than  20  30 Months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAGES	PAGES FILED	EXTRA PAGES FILED IN 50 PAGE SEGMENTS	RATE	
Total Pages	198 - 100 =98	2	X 250.00	\$ 500.00
• CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	31 - 20 =	11	X 50.00	\$ 550.00
Independent Claims	4 - 3 =	1	X 200.00	\$ 200.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)	_____	_____	+ 360.00	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$ 2,150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$ _____
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$ 2,150.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 Months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$ _____
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$ 2,150.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +				\$ 40.00
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$ 2,190.00
				Amount to be: \$
				refunded \$
				charged \$

- A check in the amount of \$2,190.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- Please charge my Deposit Account. No. 08-0750 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees. A triplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750.

**NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.**

Send all correspondence to:

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Date: March 17, 2006

By   
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